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**FEE TRANSMITTAL**  
**For FY 2006**☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27**TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT**(\$)  
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☒ Charge fee(s) indicated below ☐ Charge fee(s) indicated below, except for the filing fee☒ Charge any additional fee(s) or underpayment of fee(s) under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 ☒ Credit any overpayments**FEE CALCULATION** (All the fees below are due upon filing or may be subject to a surcharge.)**1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES**

Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

**2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES**

Fee Description	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180

<b>Total Claims</b>	<b>Extra Claims</b>	<b>Fee (\$)</b>	<b>Fee Paid (\$)</b>
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HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20.

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**Multiple Dependent Claims**

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: :  
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Espen Hauge et al. : Attorney Docket: 51402-217486  
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Application No.: 10/695,647 : Art Unit: 3672  
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Filed: October 29, 2003 : Examiner: K. Thompson  
Title: A FLUID SEPARATION METHOD AND SYSTEM

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

In response to the final office action issued March 31, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows: